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Title : Regarding message received from Hon'ble President under the proviso to article 111 of the constitution for reconsideration of the Parliament (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 2006 duly passed by both Houses of Parliament.

I received on 25 May, 2006, the Parliament (Prevention of Disqualification) Amendment Bill, 2006, duly passed by both Houses of Parliament for my assent under article 111 of the Constitution of India.

While having the highest regard for the sagacity and mature wisdom of my fellow Parliamentarians and with due deference to the Parliament, I would like the Parliament to re-consider the proposed Bill:

a. in the context of the settled interpretation of the expression 'Office of Profit' in Article 102 of the Constitution, and

b. the underlying Constitutional principles therein.

While reconsidering, among other things, the following may be specifically addressed:

(i) evolution of generic and comprehensive criteria which are just, fair and reasonable and can be applied across all States and Union Territories in a clear and transparent manner,

(ii) the implication of including for exemption the names of offices the holding of which is alleged to disqualify a member and in relation to which petitions for disqualification are already under process by the competent authority, and

(iii) soundness and propriety of law in making the applicability of the amendment retrospectively.

As provided under Article 111 of the Constitution, I, therefore, hereby return the Bill to the Houses for reconsideration with this message.".